



Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál New Inn

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Dates to remember

- **3rd Oct** -
Cross Country
in Thurles
(3rd - 6th)
- **24th Oct**-
Cross Country
in Clonmel
- **Oct 29th - Nov 2nd** -
Mid term
(Mon - Fri)
- **Dec 21st** -
Closing -
Christmas Hols
12noon
- **Jan 7th** -
School reopens

Welcome back to all our pupils for another year of learning and work and hopefully a bit of fun and enjoyment too. Everyone is settling into their new classes and new teachers at this stage! A special welcome to our Junior Infants who broke the record this year by being the largest class ever in our school. All 25 are seasoned campaigners now and getting on with the job of being in "big school". Their teacher, Mrs. McMillan, had an information night for new entrants on **Thursday 20th September**, which was very well attended. A special word of thanks to the Parents Council who provided a cup of tea on the night. We hope that many new parents will support our Parents Council. Their A.G.M. will be coming up in the near future and you will be kept posted with the details of that.

Junior Infants 2012 - 2013



Cross Country running takes place in Thurles on **Wednesday 3rd October**. Children from 3rd to 6th class are busy training for this event with Mary Doyle in the G.A.A. field on Mondays & Wednesdays @ 5.15pm - 6pm and Thursdays after school from 3.10pm - 3.40pm with Mrs. Ryan. So we will be expecting great things in Thurles and in Clonmel on **Wednesday 24th October!**

But the important thing is to keep everyone active and getting plenty of exercise and of course enjoy yourself. There will be a charge of €5 to cover the bus and entry fee if your child is travelling to Thurles. (Please note only 3rd - 6th class are eligible to participate)



www.newinngirls.school.ie

Don't forget to check out
our website:

CROKE PARK HOURS

Teachers are required to make up 36 hours outside of school time as part of the Croke Park Agreement. In Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál, New Inn teachers stay most weeks for an extra hour on Tuesdays to work on school planning and policy development or have staff meetings and staff training.

During 2011-2012 teachers availed of training in First Aid, The Stay Safe Programme, Buntús Training for P.E. and had an in-service from Folens on the digital resources available to supplement the new schemes introduced this year in Maths and English. The table shows a breakdown of the hours worked last year. Further details on school website.

2011 - 2012

School Planning	=	6
Curriculum planning	=	13
Policy Development	=	7
In – Service	=	5
Staff Meetings	=	5
Total	=	36

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FINANCE SURVEY

We received a 57% response to our survey. Of those, 98% stated that they were prepared to give financial support to the school in some form. Below are the details:-

82% -Prefer to contribute €20 termly (eg Oct/Feb/May)

9% - Prefer to have several fundraising events during the year.

7% - Prepared to make a voluntary contribution (but didn't specify in what form)

2% - Prefer to contribute €2 weekly

The results of this survey will be discussed at our next Board of Management meeting on 15th October and you will be informed as soon as possible as to how the Board wishes to proceed with this information.

Thanks to all who responded and while we are aware it is a financially difficult time for people we do appreciate the support shown to date.

School Mass

Our annual beginning of school year mass took place in New Inn church on **Monday 24th September**. We were joined by the Boys School and many parents and extended family members.

Asthma Health Day in Clonmel

Saturday 6th October 2012

1- 4pm in Hotel Minella

The event offers adults, parents and children the opportunity to speak with Asthma Nurses and get expert advice on inhaler technique, medication, allergy and much more. Free Spirometry lung function testing will also be available on the day.

More info from 01 8178886 or www.asthmasociety.ie

